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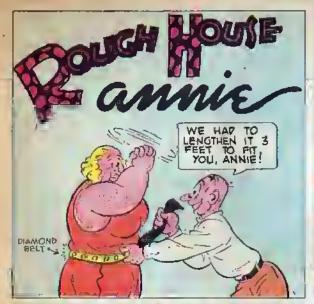
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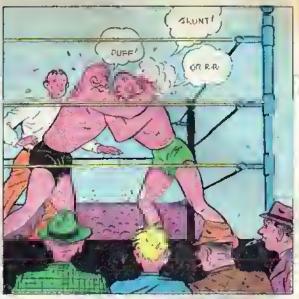






















































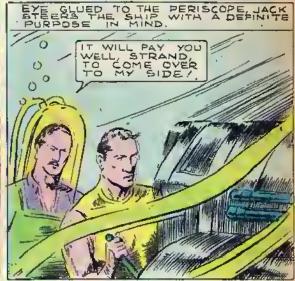






















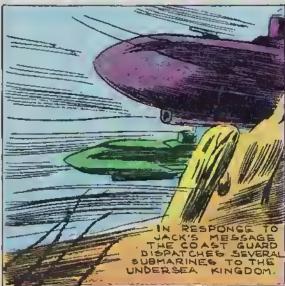








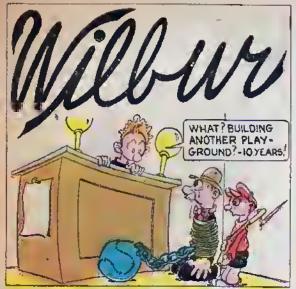












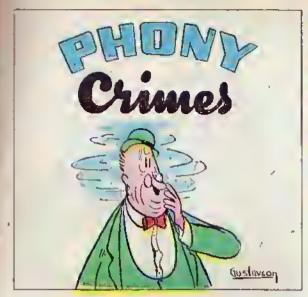






































































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OF THE HUNGRY
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A CANADIAN PARK BOASTS OF A 41 YEAR OLD BULL MOOSE, ALTHOUGH THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE MOOSE IS ONLY 21 YEARS.

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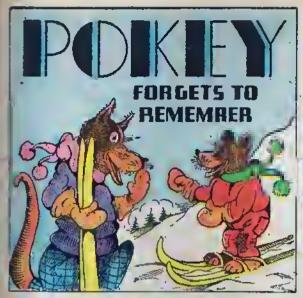


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THE WILD WESTERN
PLAINS, THE COYOTE
WILL LIVE FOR
15 YEARS. THESE
PLAINS ARE ALSO
THE HOME OF THE
FURRY LITTLE
PRAIRIE-DOG.





TWAS SKI ING TIME IN JUNGLETOWN AND DOWN THE SLIDING HILL CAME THOSE WHO JUMPED & FLEW THROUGH SPACE, WITH DARING AND WITH SKILL.



YOUNG POKEY SAID TO ALL THE GANG
'A REAL JUMP I'LL NOW SHOW.
IN FACT, I THINK I'LL REALLY LEAP
A THOUSAND FEET OR SO."



THE WAY WAS MADE TOR POKEY'S START, HIS NAME WAS LOUDLY CHEERED, THE SKIS WERE READY-SO WAS HE. THE SLIDE WAS GUICKLY CLEARED.



HE WAVED HIS HAND GOODBY TO ALL AND DOWN THE SLIDE HE FLEW.
THE FOLKS WOULD SEE A RECORD BROKE BEFORE HE WAS ALL THROUGH



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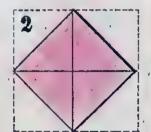
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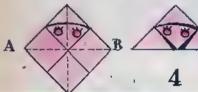


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New fold along A.B. By bolding the paper face lightly in the hand and pushing it in, you'll see the cloum's mouth upon and close!

UNUSUAL QUESTIONS

Can you answer these question () is easy if you know how?

WON blo are boy.

DWARF PUZZLE

There was a divarf once who had to count all the toadstools in his little yard every night. He wanted to do it the shortest way. How could be sit on all the toadstools in three jumps?

ALL THE ALPHABET

Here's a scatence that contains all the letters of the alphabet in its twods.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog, Can thu make up une?

TONGUE TWISTERS

She seth scushells by the seashore.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

How fast can you say then malion getting owisted?

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PRIZE. FOUR USED UP BLOTTERS

WHAT WELL KNOWN MILITARY ACADEMY 18 HERE?



PRIZE AN EMPTY CAN OF CONDENSED MILK.

WHAT LITTLE ANIMAL DOES THIS STAND FOR ?



PRIZE A TON OF USED MATCHES

WHAT SPOT IN THE BALL PARK DOES THIS REPRESENT?



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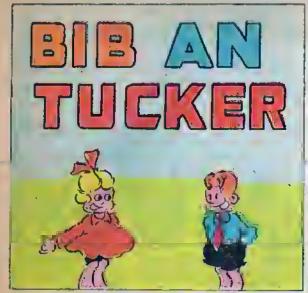
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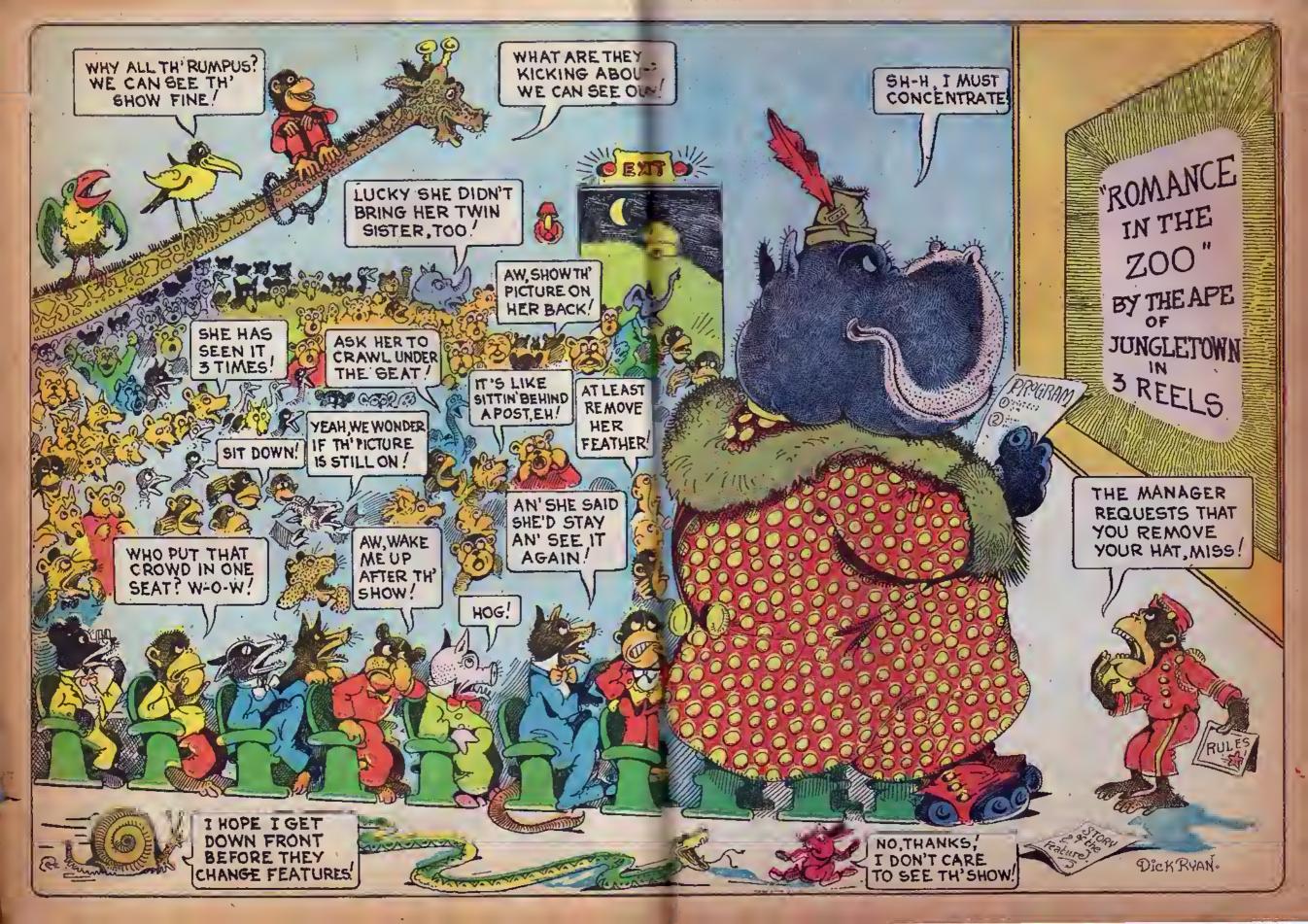




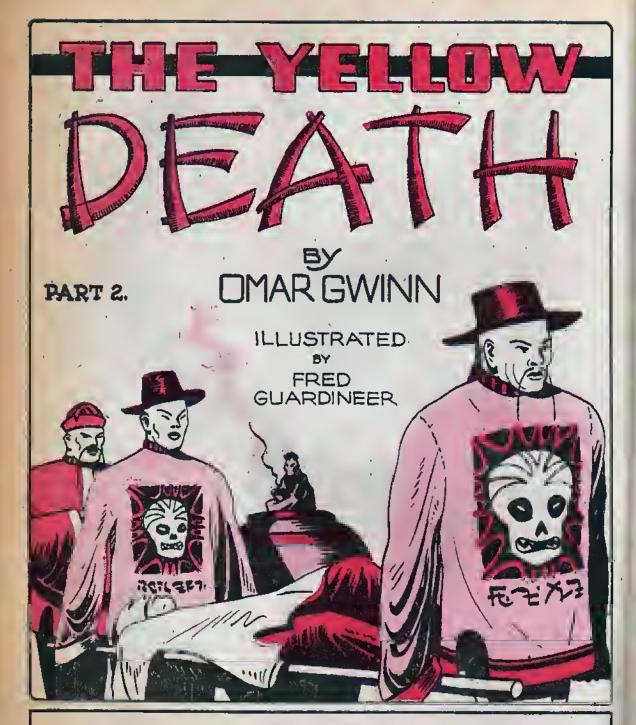












WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Pet Carey, young Irish detective, goes deep in Chinatown to look for another detective, Rey Roberts, who has been sent to investigate and to clean out the Weng Panger four goes into a shop owned by Wong. In William the trap chute, Pat is high the head by empistedous hand from above.

When he wekes up, Pat sees Roberts, been ounded, tied to a post near him. Per site is tied to a post, it is a cold one. Pat tells Roberts that he has left Artia Mello mother detective, who is disguised. In a building across she streat in the Mello will send a place of the atons well and them awings inwerd and Wong's face appears. Clientingly he lets them know he services when their conversation and them have captured Malloy in his hideout across the streat in the lest five minutes. At this moment, four murderous members of the gang enter, beering Melloy on a stratcher. He too is wounded. Behind the streather walks Ker Wen, the most murderous of them all, sworn to kill all policemen. Glostingly, Kei Wen tells them they Now continue the story:

"J-j-juggle your way out of this one, Casey!" Roberts groaned, out of the corner of

his mouth.

"It's my fault for mentioning where Malloy was," said Pat, between his teeth. "They must have overpowered him. Probably sneaked up on him."

Kein Wan, his eyes black slits of hatred, walked over to the dazed Malloy and kicked

him in the ribs, too.

"Police—fahhhhh! May all your ancestors return to earth as fishworms! Mannerless product of a potato vine!" Kei Wan's voice grated harshly as he kicked Malloy in the ribs

agaim

"You long drink of poisoned kumiss!" Malloy snorted weakly, opening his eyes. "What did you hit me on the conk with, the Empire State Building? I'll take you apart yet, if I have to chase you across the North Pole barefooted!"

"I want the first crack at him," said Roberts.
"I'll knock his evil teeth out, if he has any."

"Save it," Pat advised out of the corner of his mouth, "When you talk too much about what you're going to do in this world you never get around to doing it. The odds are heavy against us and we're tied. Remember that,"

"It'd be hard to forget it," said Roberts.

Kei Wan leaned back and laughed mirthlessly, his slitted eyes gleaming cruelly. His manner was that of a cruel tomcat playing with wounded mice.

Kei Wan produced a long wicked looking knife and prodded Malloy with it. "You are to remain conscious," he commanded, "that you may witness, your funeral rites, The Festival of The Yellow Death."

"You'll be a festival if I ever get my claws on you, you sour bowl of rice," yelped Malloy.

He was conscious now, all right,

The polite but deadly Wong slid into the dungeon room at that moment and three sets of Irish eyes turned toward him. He bowed

slightly and smiled.

"It shall be your pleasure to die presently, following the ceremony which the Wang Fangs accord to all enemies." His voice was suave as silk as he produced three pipes from his sleeves. "That you may appreciate it more fully I have prepared these three pipes which you may smoke for a moment, that all may seem beautiful in your last moments upon this sordid and much famented earth."

"Nix," said Malloy, "I'll take mine straight."

"If I've got to kick off." Pat said, "I'll do it while I know about it. I never was one to run away from a situation. Then, too, something might happen that'd give us a break. We couldn't take advantage of it if we were all in a fog . . ."

Wong bowed politely. "You have spoken well, according to the white man's pale theories. Very well. You have declined and it shall be as you wish." He produced a peculiar-





looking shelf from his other sleeve and blew three weird notes upon it. There was a minute of cold chilling silence in which none moved a muscle.

Pat alone refused to let it chill him. He had been quietly trying those hemp bonds which tied his hands behind the pole. In his days in vaudeville in the troupe of the great magician Furston. Pat had learned many escape tricks, but these little pieces of rope were tied so cleverly they would have tried the patience of the great Furston himself. All the skill and patience at his command would be hard put to escape from these knots. Wrists tight together, tight against the pole. Whoever had tied them, while Pat was unconscious, was an expert.

There was a sudden patter of feet down the

corridor toward the dungeon.

Four more voiceless villains glided into the room. They were weirdly painted and wore yellow silken robes and yellow mandarin hats. The first three carried a long, large yellow silken scarf which fluttered in a draft of air which came from the other end of the dungeon. The fourth was the heavy-set beady-eyed Mongol who had been in the office when Pat was dropped through the hole in the floor into the chute. He played weird snaky music upon an instrument that sounded like a clarinet off-key.

For a moment the blood ran chill and icy in the veins of the three Irishmen, The strange wild music was like an omen of a nameless certain death which would snuff them out suddenly as candles in a monsoon. Slowly, twisting like snakes, the three who had just entered writhed across the length of the dungeon, followed by the Mongol making his ghoulish unholy music. Their dance had all the cruel sensual mysticism of a rite which had been practiced down through the centuries.

The four stretcher bearers stood against the opposite wall, motionless with long vicious knives drawn and held at their sides. Their eyes looked at the ceiling without moving. Wong and Kei Wan stood silently by, their hands in opposite sleeves while they chanted strange hollow Chinese words in expressionless voices.

The weird rite continued. The four horribly painted ones proceeded in their blood-chilling procession, slowly, slowly, slowly and surely

as the breath of death

Pat worked furiously at the bonds which held his wrists. He was under terrific handicap, for if he made too much motion one of the gang might observe him, and they were very hard knots under any circumstances. As he worked at the knots, Pat was thinking: "It's my fault Malloy is captured and that we're in this jam. When Malloy and Roberts die, it'll be my fault—and if these devils get away——"

Pat's wrists wriggled like snakes, as the great Furston had taught him. And now, little

by little . . .

WONG blew a sudden blast on his shell and the dancers stopped suddenly in their tracks. The weird/music of the Mongo ened to a plaintive mournful background.

"You," Wong pointed to Malloy, "you shall be first, for your perfidy in disguising yourself as one of our honored race." He gave a command and two of the stretcherbearers stooped and untied the ropes which held Malloy. They left his feet tied and stood him up. Then the three with the silken scarf stepped forward and began to dance around Malloy, who blinked somewhat. The three were evidently going to wrap the silken scarf around Malloy from his feet up and strangle him with it. Stop the flow of blood through his veins!

At that moment, one of Pat's hands writhed free from the ropes which tied them. He held ais hands behind the post and glanced downward at the skeins which bound his feet. Without a knife, it would be minutes before he

might free his feet.

The Chinks with the yellow silk scarf stopped suddenly and went into reverse. The one at the rear began to wind the scarf around

Malloy's feet.

It was now or never and Pat knew it. He flung the rope off his other hand and gathered himself. His feet were bound together and there was no time to untie them, so he had to make his style suit the occasion. Back in his vaudeville days on the Orpheum circuit, Pat had become friendly with a Japanese tumbler and had learned a few tricks of that profession too. He gathered himself, gritted his teeth.

Wong's men were winding the silken scarf around Malloy, slow and sinister as death.

Pat coiled—and released himself as if shorfrom a cannon. The Jap had taught him well, and Pat tumbled end over end like a whirling tumbledweed sprayed with poison. The eyes of all the murderers were upon Malloy's approaching fate and they failed to observe Pat until he was well under way. It was perhaps fifteen feet to Wong and Kei Wan, who stood with their backs partly toward Pat for the time, Pat tumbled head over heels two and a half times and came up standing—directly behind Wong and Kei Wan.

"Yippee?" yelled Roberts, straining at his bonds, his Irish up. It was a blood-curdling yell and, coming with Pat's surprise attack, it

helped to make confusion.

As Pat came to his feet, he reached up and put an arm around the necks of Wong and Kei Wan. It was almost a complete surprise to them and they gurgled strangled cries as Pat pulled them over backwards. Even as he pulled them backwards a couple of knives whizzed through the air at him. The first grazed an ear and the second hit the stone wall and bounced back toward Malloy. Malloy, whose arms were 'still free, lashed out and bowled over two of the silk-winders and dived for the knife. He got it and ducked, rolling, behind the pole to which Roberts was tied. Fast as a flash, Malloy slashed the ropes which tied Roberts' hands and dragged him behind the pole. It was but the work of a moment to unwind the silk and to free the bonds which held both their feet. -

The others, still dazed from the rapid change of events, held their knives for fear of hitting one of their two leaders. Then one of





them flung a knife at Malloy, who was peek-

ing around the post behind Roberts. The knife cut away a piece of Malloy's scalp, and he ducked back behind the post, yelling like a dunken Indian. The knife clattered to the floor dripping Malloy's blood, and Roberts

picked it up,

Pat's one hundred and eighty-five pounds of sinew weren't enough to hold two as big as Wong and Kei Wan, once they got their bearings, and he knew it. So he worked fast. Kei Wan had been holding a knife loosely in his left hand: Pat grabbed it as they went down, wrenched it free, He rolled over, kicked Kei Wan in the jaw and that Kei Wan keeled over in a daze. Fast as a mongoose, Pat got a strangle hold on Wong and held him in front of him as a shield, prodding Wong over the gizzard with the knife.

"Tell 'em to lay off or I'll let you have it!"
Pat yelled in Wong's ear as four of the seven
servant-cutthroats crouched and started to-

ward him.

Wong chattered directions, his courage oozing out of him with the feel of the knife against his back.

"This way, you miserable rats, and I'll make you fit for chopsticks!" yelled Malloy, poking his head out from behind the pole and waving his knife.

"Yippee!" yelled Roberts from behind the

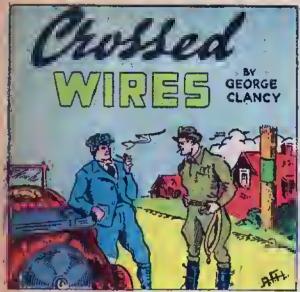
other pole.

Immediately two knives whizzed at them. One stuck in the pole helind which Malfoy was crouching and the other sliced a piece out of Robert's ear. But it gave them two knives

apiece.

Roberts flung one and got a man in the stomach. He gave a wail and folded up on the floor. The scar-faced one flung another. It came fast and sliced a piece of Roberts' chin away. Then Malloy swung out with his spare knife and got the Mongol through the gullet.





































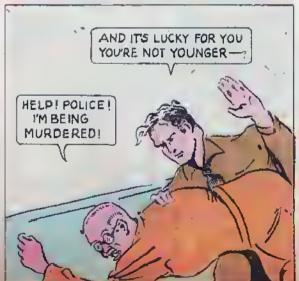






















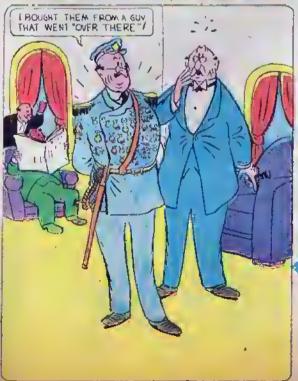




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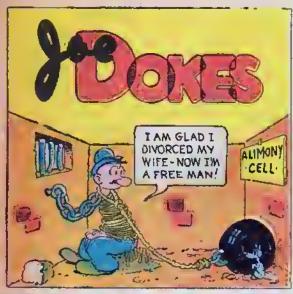


























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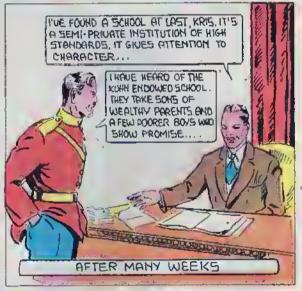




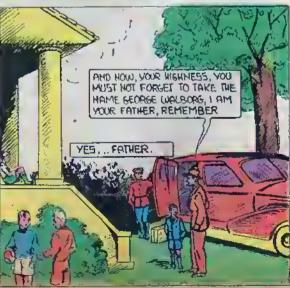
















































MR. WISE-GUY?



"PLEASE, TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN OR HEARD A THING LIKE THIS? - A HUNTER WHO WOULD CALMLY SAY: "EACH TIME I SHOOT I MISS."



"I'D LIKE TO KNOW, PLEASE, TELL THETRUTH WOULD DOGGIES ACT THIS WAY? WOULD THEY PASS TWO CATS RIGHT BY AND LET THEM GET AWAY."

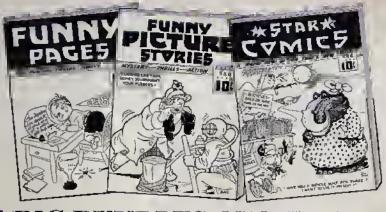


"OH, COME AND TELL ME, TELL ME TRUE, -CAN THESE THINGS REALLY BE, -DO LITTLE BOYS SEEK TO BE STUNG BY SOME BIG BUMBLE BEE?"



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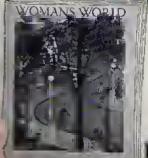
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